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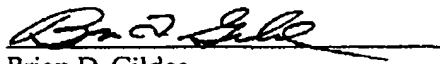
THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Serial No: 09/627,796 Confirmation No. 3581  
Date Filed: June 28, 2000  
Application Title: Non-Nucleic Acid Probes, Probe Sets, Method and Kits  
Pertaining To The Detection Of Human Chromosomes X, Y, 1,  
2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18 And 20 As Well As 13/21  
As A Pair  
Applicant: Krishan L. Taneja  
Group Art Unit: 1634  
Examiner: Jehanne E. Souaya  
Action Date: April 21, 2003  
Action Type: First Office Action On Merits – NON-FINAL  
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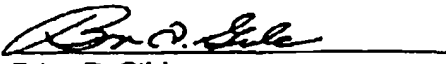
  
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Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents  
Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an automatic three-month extension of time to file a response to the Office Action mailed on April 21, 2003. With this extension, the due date for the response should now be October 21, 2003. The Office is hereby authorized to deduct the fee set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) for a three-month extension for a large entity, believed to be \$ 950.00, from Deposit Account No. 02-3240.

  
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